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In re Application of
Gordon R. Wilde, et al.
Application No. 09/307,295
Filed: May 7, 1999
For: RECOVERABLE SYSTEM FOR
MOORING MOBILE OFFSHORE
DRILLING UNITS

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO WITHDRAW THE
: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on December 14, 2000 and supplemented on March 5, 2001.

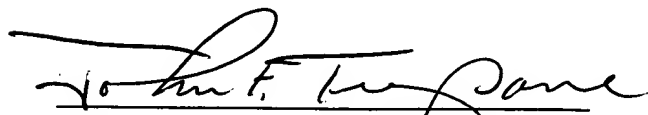
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated April 11, 2000.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of July 11, 2000. A statement by John W. Montgomery was received within the petition, which attests to the personal knowledge of mailing the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Mailing. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the Amendment filed with the petition, and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Kenneth Dorner at (703) 308-0866.


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